GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5152
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PROJECT TO CHECK AIRCRASH
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched any project to prevent the incidents of air crashes by bird hit in the cities with Air Force air-base station;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon;

(d) whether the Sub-Committee constituted under Inter-Ministerial- Group to suggest ways to prevent incidents of crash of Air Force planes by bird-hit has submitted its report;

(e) if so, the main recommendations of the Report; and

(f) the time by which these recommendations are likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (f): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5152 FOR 28.4.2005

The Government had constituted an Inter-Ministerial Joint Sub- Committee (IMJSC) in 1989 to reduce the cases of aircraft accidents/incidents due to Bird Hits. The main recommendations of the Sub-Committee were to set up the following facilities in the vicinity of affected airfields:

i. Setting up of Modern Slaughter houses;
ii. Setting up of Carcass Utilisation Centre (CUC);
iii. Implementation of Water Supply Schemes; and
iv. Sewage/Sanitation and Solid Waster Management Schemes.

Cleaning of the environment around the Indian Air Force (IAF) airfields is a continuous process. In the first phase, ten IAF airfields have been selected for the project at a cost of Rs. 99.35 crores. The remaining airfields will be taken up in phases. In order to implement the recommendations of the IMJSC projects have been formulated by Government in consultation with the State Governments and the local Civil authorities/bodies. These are at various stages of implementation. However, no timeframe can be given since it involves coordination with various agencies for implementing the same.